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MERCHANDISE WITH RETURN CODE VALIDATION

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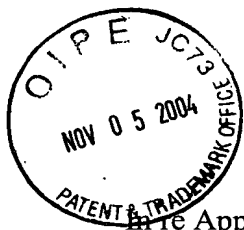
Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and the comments.

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Applicant transmits herewith an amendment in the above-identified application.

An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims:	39	-	20	= 9	X \$9 =	\$171.00
Independent Claims:	4	-	3	= 1	X \$44 =	44.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$215.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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